

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 4-15 and 17-20 have been amended as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): An electromagnetic wave absorber containing (a) a soft ferrite surface-treated with a silane compound having a non-functional group at 60 to 90% by mass, (C) magnetite at 3 to 25% by mass and (d) silicone at 7 to 15% by mass.

Claim 2 (original): An electromagnetic wave absorber containing (a) soft ferrite surface-treated with a silane compound having a non-functional group at 40 to 60% by mass, (b) flat, soft magnetic metal powder at 20 to 30% by mass, (c) magnetite at 3 to 10% by mass and (d) silicone at 7 to 25% by mass.

Claim 3 (original): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to Claim 2, wherein ratio of (a) the soft ferrite surface-treated with a silane compound having a non-functional group to (b) the flat, soft magnetic metal powder is 1.8 to 2.3/1 by mass.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein (a) the soft ferrite surface-treated with a silane compound having a non-functional group is surface-treated with dimethyldimethoxy silane or methyltrimethoxy silane.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1, wherein (a) the soft ferrite surface-treated with a silane compound having a non-functional group is kept at a pH of 8.5 or less.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, wherein (a) the soft ferrite surface-treated with a silane compound having a non-functional group is composed of the powder having a particle size distribution D_{50} of 1 to 30 μm .

Claim 7 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, wherein (a) the soft ferrite surface-treated with a silane compound having a non-functional group is Ni-Zn-based one.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 2 to 7~~ Claim 2, wherein (b) the flat, soft magnetic metal powder is of a low self-oxidation type showing a mass change rate of 0.3% or less in an atmospheric exposure test under heating.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 2 to 8~~ Claim 2, wherein (b) the flat, soft magnetic metal powder has a specific surface area of 0.8 to 1.2 m^2/g .

Claim 10 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 2 to 9~~ Claim 2, wherein (b) the flat, soft magnetic metal powder is composed of the particles having a size distribution D_{50} of 8 to 42 μm .

Claim 11 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 2 to 9~~ Claim 2, wherein (b) the flat, soft magnetic metal powder is microcapsulation-treated.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 11~~ Claim 1, wherein (c) the magnetite is composed of the particles having a size distribution D_{50} of 0.1 to 0.4 μm .

Claim 13 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 12~~ Claim 1, wherein (c) the magnetite is composed of the fine, octahedral particles.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1, wherein (d) the silicone is gelled one having a penetration of 5 to 200, determined in accordance with JIS K2207-1980 (load: 50 g).

Claim 15 (currently amended): A laminated electromagnetic wave absorber comprising an electromagnetic wave absorption layer of the electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of~~

~~Claims 1 to 14~~ Claim 1, coated with an electroconductive reflection layer and electrical insulation layer, in this order.

Claim 16 (original): The laminated electromagnetic wave absorber according to Claim 15 which can absorb unnecessary electromagnetic waves emitted from a resin box inside and outside, comprises the electromagnetic wave absorption layer coated with an electroconductive layer for reflecting electromagnetic waves, electric insulation layer and adhesive layer, in this order, each of the electromagnetic wave absorption layer and adhesive layer being coated with a releasable film layer on the other side, wherein the electromagnetic wave absorption layer is sufficiently adhesive to be fast bonded at least to a high-speed arithmetic element, and adhesive layer can be kept attached at least to a horizontal glass ceiling surface.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The laminated electromagnetic wave absorber according to Claim 15 [[or 16]], wherein an electrical insulation layer is provided between the electromagnetic wave absorption layer and electromagnetic wave reflection layer.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The laminated electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 15 to 17~~ Claim 15, wherein the electromagnetic wave reflection layer is a metallic layer of aluminum.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The laminated electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 15 to 18~~ Claim 15, wherein the adhesive layer is of an acrylic resin.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The laminated electromagnetic wave absorber according to ~~one of Claims 15 to 19~~ Claim 15, wherein the electric insulation layer is of a polyethylene terephthalate resin.